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National Health Insurance

WARWICKSHIRE CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL BENEFIT

A conference organized by the Warwickshire Insurance Committee, and attended by representatives of nearly thirty approved societies and of the Warwickshire, Birmingham, and Coventry Insurance Committees and the Warwickshire Panel Committee, was held recently at Leamington Spa. Mr. S. J. PORT, chairman of the Warwickshire Panel Committee, presided, and a frank discussion took place on various aspects of medical benefit.

A representative of the National Amalgamated Approved Society opened by referring to recent claims experience, and the effect of influences other than sickness in increasing the number of claims. The imposition of the means test in unemployment insurance in November last was followed by an increase of 15 and of 22 per cent. in the number of claims in his society in successive weeks. Another point, said this representative, was the manner in which the period of illness tended to be completed week or weeks. About 40 per cent. of declarations off took place on a Saturday, although there was nothing in medicine to suggest that sickness ran in cycles of complete weeks, or that incapacity would cease at the week-end. On the other hand, a representative of the National Union of Railwaymen urged that there was something to be said for the Saturday habit—a man felt fair on Friday, better on Saturday, and, after Sunday rest, ready to begin work on Monday. A representative of the Oddfellows thought that unnecessary references to regional medical officers could be avoided if more information were given by doctors to the societies, and a representative of the Independent Order of Rechabites said that the doctor could help very much by giving fuller information on the certificate, such as "Rheumatism—cannot walk," or "Lumbago—in bed," which would avoid references and obviate visits. The doctor might also say whether the condition was due to industrial disease or accident, and, in pregnancy, what stage had been reached. A representative of the Ideal Benefit Society suggested that practitioners in certifying should adopt the standard laid down in the approved societies' handbook—namely, whether work would be injurious to the patient's condition—and a representative of the Midland Counties Mutual Benefit Society said that his society consulted the doctor before referring to the regional medical officer, and in nine cases out of ten very helpful replies were received.

Several members of the Warwickshire Panel Committee took part in the discussion. Dr. D. S. MURRAY referred to the difficulty created by the references to regional medical officers after very short periods of certification. Dr. C. R. LANE mentioned the demand for certification on certain days of the week—a demand which had caused a good deal of friction between societies and doctors. Dr. C. H. GREGORY raised the question of certification in pregnancy and the test that should be considered reasonable in certifying. Dr. B. RELTON questioned whether the difficulties of the doctors were fully appreciated by the societies. The insured population did not all appreciate the fact that insurers should do their best to avoid that against which they were insured. The feeling was, on the other hand, that they were compelled to contribute, and they wanted to get something back.

Dr. W. DUNCAN, divisional medical officer of the Ministry of Health, summed up the discussion on certain points. While it was evident that approved societies did not ask for certificates on a given day of the week, the agent who called on a particular day might delay payment of benefit until the week following if the certificate was not forthcoming. He also pointed out the significance of some figures quoted in the discussion, to the effect that the proportion of persons returning to work after reference to the regional medical officer was 59 per cent. in 1922 and 63 per cent. in 1931. It had to be remembered that in 1922 only selected cases were referred, and there was sometimes considerable delay in dealing with these, while in 1931 the references were widespread and the examinations promptly made; yet there was an actual increase in the latter year in the proportion ceasing to draw benefit after reference. While it was difficult to understand or defend some references, it must not be understood that a reference was an aspersion on the certifying doctor. Any scheme of benefit by insurance was liable to be checked by a referee or assessor, and claims for benefit under the Insurance Act were no exception. He added that the Ministry was delighted at the enormous improvement made in the reports received from practitioners, which indicated a higher standard of medical work under the Act than was deemed possible ten years ago.

No resolutions were submitted to the conference other than votes of thanks.

LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE

ANAESTHETIC FEES UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT

At the meeting of the London Insurance Committee on February 25th the proposals of the Panel Committee with regard to fees for the administration of anaesthetics came forward for approval. Mr. James Skinner, on behalf of the Medical Benefit Subcommittee which had been considering the matter, said that the distribution scheme provided that in cases in which the services of a second practitioner were required for administering an anaesthetic a fee of half a guinea in the case of nitrous oxide and of one guinea in the case of any other general anaesthetic was payable to the practitioner responsible for providing the services of the anaesthetist. The payment for the administration of anaesthetics formed the first charge on the Practitioners' Fund for the area. The Panel Committee considered that the present scheme operated inequitably upon practitioners, and that a few of them took undue advantage of it. It was therefore desirous of discontinuing the special payments for this provision, each practitioner being required to provide the services of an anaesthetist in suitable cases without special payment, the risk of having to provide such services being covered by the capitation fee payable to him. The Panel Committee was endeavouring to secure the necessary amendment of the regulations, but as this could not take place for some time it proposed to reduce the present scale of fees to the nominal sum of one shilling for each administration, whether of nitrous oxide or other. The subcommittee was satisfied that the Panel Committee had good reasons for desiring to make the change, and thought that the Ministry of Health should be approached with a view to securing as a temporary expedient the amendment of the distribution scheme by the insertion of this nominal amount.

Dr. E. A. Gregg, in reply to a member of the committee, said that the Panel Committee had overwhelming evidence that the number of administrations of anaesthetics given by panel practitioners was not represented by the comparatively few claims received; in other words, practitioners as a class were providing anaesthetics on a scale quite out of proportion to the claims. Moreover, of the claims which were received a certain proportion came from practitioners who had either a partner or an assistant who administered the anaesthetic, and so the amount claimed was kept within the "family." The Panel Committee had been driven to the conclusion that in a considerable number of cases gas was given when a local anaesthetic would have sufficed, so that the question of claiming a fee might arise. That was very unfair to the vast bulk of practitioners who were treating their patients equally efficiently without putting them to the inconvenience and discomfort of a general anaesthetic. It had been even suggested that in some of these cases an anaesthetic might not have been given at all, but there were no means of testing that. The number of claims made largely represented those practitioners who saw an opportunity of obtaining a fee at the expense of their colleagues, who were performing the same service without claiming a fee at all. This new proposal would not interfere with the giving of the anaesthetic whenever it was necessary, but it would afford less opportunity for the commercially minded to profit.

The Insurance Committee agreed unanimously to the Panel Committee's proposal.

Acceptance of Fees for Treatment

One of the Medical Service Subcommittee cases brought forward was that of a practitioner who was alleged to have improperly demanded and accepted fees for treatment provided for an insured person. The practitioner had advised the insured that injections of iron and arsenic would be beneficial to her condition, but that he could not give her these injections as part of medical benefit because such treatment was not included in that to which insured persons were entitled. He offered, however, to give her the injections at a lower fee than he usually charged. The patient received twenty-four injections, and the practitioner charged eight guineas. He stated to the subcommittee that he had been under the impression that medical benefit was restricted to prescriptions for medicaments which "could be taken by the mouth." The report of the subcommittee stated:

"In this case the practitioner took over . . . the medical care of about 700 insured persons, and he seems from what he told us to have had little or no conception of what he was required to do for those persons. It seems to us that, owing to his ignorance of matters on which he should have informed himself—a lack of information which resulted in monetary gain to the practitioner—he tended to bring discredit on the medical service under the Act."

The Committee agreed that the practitioner should be required to refund to the patient the sum of eight guineas (which he had offered to do), and that the Minister of Health be asked to withhold a further sum of £10 on account of the remuneration due to him. An amendment to raise the amount to £15 was not carried.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

Treasurer's Cup Golf Competition

We are asked once more to remind secretaries of Divisions and Branches of this competition, which is open to all members of the British Medical Association. It is hoped that on the occasion of the Centenary Meeting there will be a record entry for the final stage, to be played off on a course near London during the Meeting. The Divisional, or first stage, must be completed by June 1st, and that should give ample time even to those Divisions which have as yet made no arrangements for a local stage of the competition. In case there may be some who have not seen the rules they are as follows.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

First Stage: Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d.

Entries to be handed in to the secretary of the member's Division. Arrangements for the first stage to be in the hands of a Special Golf Subcommittee (or, failing this, the Executive of the Division). The form of the competition to be settled locally by the Golf Subcommittee (or Executive), it having been decided by the Secretaries' Conference, 1928, that each Division should find its own winner in its own way. The handicap under which a member enters should be his lowest club handicap (limit handicap 18), and must not be altered at any time during the first stage of the competition. The first stage of the competition must be completed by June 1st, 1932. In the event of the winner of the first stage not being able to compete in the final stage, the runner-up (with the consent of the local Golf Subcommittee) may compete in his stead, in order that the Division may be represented.

Second or Final Stage: Entrance Fee, 5s.

The winners of the first or Division stage will play off under medal-play conditions (handicap) on Friday, July 29th, 1932, during the Centenary Meeting of the Association in London. The handicap allowed for the final stage of the competition will be the lowest handicap of the competitor as at July 29th, 1932. The winner to be the player who returns the lowest score under handicap. In the event of a tie the winner shall be the player who returns the lowest score under handicap for the last nine holes. Those entitled to compete in the final stage will be advised of the arrangements for the final stage.

All disputes to be settled by the committee responsible for the completion of each stage.

Association Notices

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN AID OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Scholarships

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships as follows: an Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship, of the value of £200 per annum, and three Research Scholarships, each of the value of £150 per annum. These Scholarships are given to candidates whom the Science Committee of the Association recommends as qualified to undertake research in any subject (including State Medicine) relating to the causation, prevention, or treatment of disease. Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, commencing on October 1st, 1932. A Scholar may be reappointed for

not more than two additional terms. A Scholar is not necessarily required to devote the whole of his or her time to the work of research, but may hold a junior appointment at a university, medical school, or hospital, provided the duties of such appointment do not interfere with his work as a Scholar.

Grants

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Grants for the assistance of research into the causation, treatment, or prevention of disease. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to members of the medical profession and to applicants who propose as subjects of investigation problems directly related to practical medicine.

Conditions of Award: Applications

Applications for Scholarships and Grants must be made not later than Saturday, May 21st, 1932, on the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. Applicants are required to furnish the names of three referees who are competent to speak as to their capacity for the research contemplated.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BATH, BRISTOL, AND SOMERSET BRANCH.—A joint meeting of the Bath, Bristol, and Somerset Branch and the Bristol and District Section of the British Dental Association will be held at the Berkeley Café, Clifton, on Friday, March 18th, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. F. P. de Caux will give an address on dental anaesthesia.

BATH, BRISTOL, AND SOMERSET BRANCH: WEST SOMERSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Somerset Division will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. R. G. Gordon (Bath) will give an address on the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, and the general practitioner. Tea will be served after the meeting.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: WEST DORSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Dorset Division will be held on Tuesday, March 15th, at 3.15 p.m., at the County Hospital, Dorchester. Patients will be shown by the medical and surgical staff, and their cases discussed. Sir Francis Shipway will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on anaesthesia, to be followed by a discussion. The representative and deputy representative of the Division for 1932–33 will be elected.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—A meeting of the South-Eastern Counties Division will be held in the Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells, on Wednesday, March 16th, at 3 p.m. After the transaction of Divisional business, Dr. W. T. Benson will give an address on the specific therapy of puerperal fever, erysipelas, and scarlet fever.

FIFE BRANCH.—A clinical meeting of the Fife Branch will be held in the Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on March 17th, when Dr. G. Pratt Yule, county medical officer of health, will give an address on the public health of the county: present arrangements and possible future policy.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION.—A meeting of the Barnet Division will be held at 53, Wood Street, on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. Donald Paterson will speak on infant feeding. Before this, any correspondence or other business that may arise will be discussed.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Hyde Division will be held at the Dukinfield Town Hall on Wednesday, March 16th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. C. N. Gordon will deliver his presidential address.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION.—The meeting of the Rochdale Hospital at Birch Hall Hospital called for Wednesday, March 9th, has been postponed to Wednesday, March 16th, when Professor D. Dougal (Manchester University) will give his address on difficult labour, breech presentations (illustrated by cinematograph).

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: SOUTHPORT DIVISION.—A meeting of the Southport Division will be held in the Assembly Rooms of the Prince of Wales Hotel on Thursday, March 17th, at 8.30 p.m. Professor John Fraser (Edinburgh) will give a British Medical Association Lecture on some common sur[illegible] affections of the kidneys.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the City Division, in conjunction with the Aesculapian Society, arranged by Mr. L. H. Savin, will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., today (Friday, March 11th), at 4.15 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: FINCHLEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Finchley Division will be held at the Finchley Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. F. E. Saxby Willis will give an address on collapse therapy in pulmonary disease.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Kensington Division will be held at the Kensington Town Hall, W.8, on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. H. B. Brackenbury will deliver an address entitled "The development of national health services."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E., on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.45 p.m. Mr. Arthur Gray will read a paper on ante-natal supervision and treatment.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the South-West Essex Division, arranged by Dr. J. C. Muir, the medical superintendent, will be held at Whipps Cross Hospital on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Stratford Division will be held at the Educational Offices, Stratford, on Tuesday, March 15th, at 9.15 p.m. Dr. John Parkinson will read a paper on heart failure.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Tower Hamlets Division will be held at St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Doad, Bow, by the kind invitation of Mr. J. R. M. Whigham, on Tuesday, March 15th, at 4 p.m. Tea at 3.45.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Willesden Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, on Wednesday, March 16th, at 9 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence, etc.; "Ophthalmic problems in general practice," by Mr. Frank W. Law (ophthalmic surgeon, Paddington Green Children's Hospital); appoint representative on council of Willesden General Hospital.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Leicester and Rutland Division will be held at the Medical Club, East Bond Street, Leicester, on Friday, March 18th, at 8.45 p.m. Professor H. Beckwith Whitehouse (University of Birmingham) will give an address on abortion.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—A meeting of the North of England Branch will be held at West Hartlepool on Thursday, March 17th. Papers will be read by Dr. F. J. Nattrass on intracranial aneurysm and by Mr. Norman Hodgson on the present position of radium in the treatment of malignant disease.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: GATESHEAD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Gateshead Division will be held at the Liberal Club, High West Street, Gateshead, on Friday, March 18th, at 8.15 p.m. Dr. W. E. Hume will deliver a lecture on blood pressure. This will be followed by a cinematograph film.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the North Northumberland Division will be held at the Alnwick Infirmary on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 3 p.m. Dr. W. H. Dickinson will give an address.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: JERSEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Jersey Division will be held in the Committee Room of the General Hospital on Thursday, March 17th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. J. Y. Wood will give a demonstration of *x*-ray films.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—An intermediate meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, on Wednesday, March 16th, at 3 p.m. Papers, etc.: Mr. F. A. Roper, Two cases of obscure grave anaemia; Dr. E. J. Toye, John Hall, surgeon, Barnstaple; Mr. W. Etherington Wilson, The pre-operative preparation of patients; Dr. E. Wordley, Zondek-Aschheim test.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the West Suffolk Division will be held at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. Dr. J. F. Davidson will open a discussion on modern public health service and the general practitioner.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Porter Phillips will read a paper on some problems in the practice of psychological medicine.

SURREY BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—The next monthly clinical meeting of the Richmond Division will be held at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, to-day (Friday, March 11th), at 9 p.m. The subject selected for discussion is cancer.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Brighton Division will be held at the Children's Hospital, Dyke Road, Brighton, on Thursday, March 17th, at 3.45 p.m.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SWINDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swindon Division will be held at the Victoria Hospital, Swindon, on Wednesday, March 16th, at 9 p.m. Professor E. Hey Groves will deliver an address on radium.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HARROGATE DIVISION.—A joint meeting of the Harrogate Division with the Harrogate Medical Society will be held at the Royal Bath Hospital on Saturday, March 12th, at 4.30 p.m. A British Medical Association Lecture will be given by Dr. W. Langdon Brown on allergy and some allergic diseases. Tea will be provided at 4 p.m. by the Harrogate Medical Society.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ROTHERHAM DIVISION.—The March meeting of the Rotherham Division will be held at the Crown Hotel to-day (Friday, March 11th), at 8.45 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a supper (price 2s. 6d) at 8 p.m. Agenda: Address by the chairman, "Reminiscences of an alienist."

TABLE OF DATES

Mar. 16, Wed.	Branch Reports for 1931 due by this date.
Mar. 26, Sat.	Nomination papers available at Head Office for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
April 30, Sat.	Publication of Annual Report of Council in *Supplement*.
	Last day for receipt at Head Office of nominations: by a Division or not less than 3 members, for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and for election of 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
May 14, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of nominations for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in British Isles; 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body. Voting papers posted from Head Office where there are contests.
May 17, Tues.	Motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. agenda on matters of which 2 months' notice is required must be received at Head Office by this date.
May 21, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of motions by Divisions and Branches for A.R.M. on matters of which 2 months' notice must be given.
	Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be elected by this date.
	Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of 24 members of Council by grouped Branches in the British Isles; and 2 Public Health Service members of Council, and 4 representatives of Public Health Service in Representative Body.
June 4, Sat.	Publication in *Supplement* of results of election of members of Council by grouped Branches, and of members of Council and Representatives in Representative Body by Public Health Service members.
	Nomination papers available at Head Office for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives (British Isles).
June 8, Wed.	Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date.
June 25, Sat.	Publication of Supplementary Report of Council in *Supplement*.
	Meetings of constituencies must be held between this date and July 21st, to instruct Representatives.
July 5, Tues.	Amendments and riders for inclusion in A.R.M. agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.
	CENTENARY MEETING
July 21, Thurs.	Annual Representative Meeting, British Medical Association House, London.
July 22, Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting.
July 23, Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting. Council.
	Annual General Meeting.
July 24, Sun.	Pilgrimage to Worcester.
July 25, Mon.	Annual Representative Meeting.
July 26, Tues.	Council.
	Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address, Queen's Hall.
	President's reception, Albert Hall.
July 27, Wed.	Meetings of Sections, etc.
July 28, Thurs.	Meetings of Sections, etc.
	Centenary dinner.
July 29, Fri.	Meetings of Sections, etc.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: GLASGOW DIVISION

There was a large attendance of the members of the Glasgow Division at the meeting on February 7th, when Dr. MARION GILCHRIST presided, and about 180 were present.

Dr. MCCUTCHEON, who spoke first, in general terms, regarding encroachments, referred to the need for propaganda in the press to refute departmental statements. He suggested, however, that the latter was work which should be done locally, by Division or Branch secretaries or private members, rather than from headquarters either in Scotland or England.

Dr. D. M. CAMERON expressed the opinion that the British Medical Association was as slow as the League of Nations, and that the constitution of the Association was ponderous enough to suit the British Empire, but for action it needed remodelling. His speech was a plea for quicker action. The other speakers included Drs. DUNLOP, WALLACE ANDERSON, TURPIE, MUIR, COOK, MCARDLE, and J. I. CAMERON, the honorary secretary of the Division.

The corporation is about to appoint eight additional whole-time men to do public assistance work, and some of this will certainly be domiciliary. When a practitioner wants a case admitted to a general municipal hospital the medical officer of health sends down one of his staff to see the patient, and say which hospital he should be sent to. Dr. WALLACE ANDERSON took exception to this, and Dr. MCARDLE pointed out that the general practitioners should be glad to be relieved of the work that these men would do, and particularly the night work.

Dr. R. W. CRAIG, the Scottish Medical Secretary, dealt with all the points raised, and it was resolved to form a small Divisional Medico-Political Committee to watch local authority activities, and to take whatever action might be possible.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION

A meeting of the Rochdale Division was held in the Rochdale Infirmary on February 3rd, when Dr. W. H. CARSE, chairman of the Division, presided.

The SECRETARY drew attention to Circular D.1. It was agreed to ask the Head Office for sufficient copies for the Local Advisory Committee and Executive. The secretary reported that a subscription of £2 2s. from the Division surplus fund had been voted by the Executive to the Sir Charles Hastings Memorial Fund; this was confirmed.

Dr. J. STANLEY WHITE gave a lecture, illustrated by cinematograph, on some recent aspects of biological therapy. In a most lucid manner he dealt with the latest developments of serum, antitoxin, and vaccine therapy, laying special stress on the wide field of usefulness of the scarlatina streptococcal antitoxin, and the value of Felton's serum in the appropriate types of pneumonia. Immunization, the Schick and Dick tests, and many other points in biological therapy were also discussed. The film was followed with great interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. White for his instructive lecture.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION

A meeting of the Kensington Division was held on February 17th at the Hammersmith Hospital, by kind permission of Sir Thomas Carey-Evans, when the chair was taken by Dr. CHRISTINE MURRELL, chairman of the Division.

Lord DAWSON OF PENN, in speaking of the proposed British Post-Graduate School, said that a fact which struck anyone who had a knowledge of places outside Great Britain was that the profession of medicine held a high place in the body politic in the Dominions and Colonies, and was therefore a strong bond of empire between these countries and Great Britain. A post-graduate school of medicine would not only advance knowledge, but mutual understanding. To attempt to provide post-graduate and undergraduate teaching in the same hospital was unsatisfactory, if not impossible. In arranging where post-graduate facilities could be provided they had considered various hospitals, and they had come to the conclusion that the Hammersmith Hospital was the best suited for the purpose. The Post-Graduate Hospital and School would rest on four pillars—the Ministry of Health, the London County Council, the Royal Colleges, and the University of London. The hospital should be a special help to the medical profession practising in its neighbourhood. It was already carrying out post-graduate work; at the present time there were some beds set aside for plastic surgery under Sir Harold Gillies, and another group of beds were being utilized for the study of lobar pneumonia under the auspices of the Royal College of Physicians.

They were all aware (Lord Dawson continued) of how tragic and wasteful pneumonia could be, the way in which it attacked the strong and healthy equally with the weak, and how it was apt to remove, after a few days' illness, men and women in the prime of life with families dependent upon them. The treatment of pneumonia by concentrated serum, and especially by Felton's serum, was being viewed with more confidence, and further careful investigation of the nature of pneumonia and its treatment was much to be desired. He appealed to the general practitioners present to send in cases of pneumonia in the early stages. He hoped in this way that the cases would be a more representative sample of the population, and not, as had frequently happened in Poor Law cases, patients in whom the nutritional factor influenced to a large extent the course of the disease. The general practitioner would be welcomed at the hospital, where he could see his cases, and they hoped to make the Post-Graduate School a centre of intellectual endeavour.

The following cases were shown: by Mr. POMFRET KILNER, plastic operations for lupus of nose and for rhinophyma; by Mr. MACINDOE (for Sir H. Gillies), plastic operations for double hare-lip and cleft palate, for deformity of nose, for underdevelopment of mandible, and for severe injuries to face; by Mr. CECIL WAKELEY, (1) cerebellar cyst, (2) tumour of left eighth nerve; by Mr. ROCYN JONES, (1) two cases of intracapsular fracture of femur, (2) fracture-dislocation of ankle, (3) encephalitis lethargica; by Dr. ARTHUR MORRIS, (1) osteitis fibrosa, (2) carcinomatosis peritonei, (3) Deitl's crisis due to hydronephrosis, (4) Raynaud's disease.

The CHAIRMAN conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Lord Dawson, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Thomas Carey-Evans and the visiting staff.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION

A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Division was held on February 9th at the Surbiton Hospital. Dr. J. STANLEY WHITE gave an address on some recent aspects of biological therapy, illustrated by two delightful films and some very interesting lantern slides, which were much appreciated.

SURREY BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION

A meeting of the Richmond Division was held at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, on February 12th, when Mr. J. W. HEEKES was in the chair, and twelve other members were present.

Mr. C. H. CRAWSHAW opened a discussion on abdominal disease, referring specially to early symptoms and differential diagnosis. He referred to the importance of looking for areas of hyperaesthesia and hyperalgesia as helps in differential diagnosis, and, where rigidity was present, the importance of knowing if it was permanent, as in disease, or if the muscle relaxed now and again, as in cases of nervous fright. He pointed out also that where there was fluid in the abdomen it depended on the composition of the fluid as to what amount of rigidity was caused. Thus stomach and bowel contents caused immediate and permanent rigidity, blood little or no rigidity, and ascitic fluid none at all.

The discussion was continued by Dr. ROBERTSON, Dr. VAUGHAN PENDRED, and Mr. HEEKES. Professor PANNETT, in summing up the discussion, quoted cases to illustrate the difficulty in diagnosis in patients with pain in the right iliac fossa where the trouble was a renal calculus.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Crawshaw for his interesting paper.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: LEEDS DIVISION

A meeting of the Leeds Division was held at the Medical School on February 19th, when there was a record attendance of seventy-five. Mr. H. MORRISTON DAVIES gave a much-appreciated British Medical Association Lecture on the diagnosis of disease of the lungs and pleura, illustrated by lantern slides. He said that the establishment of a diagnosis might require four degrees of intensity: first, "spot diagnosis," or the realization by the practitioner that the patient was organically ill and required further investigation. Secondly, the general practitioner investigation. On this the lecturer laid great stress on the importance of a full and accurate history before proceeding to the ordinary clinical examination. Thirdly, radiological, bacteriological, and, if necessary, surgical investigation. The lecturer devoted special attention to the importance of x rays, and showed several interesting slides of patients who were entirely negative to ordinary clinical examination, but had well-defined lesions revealed by the x rays. Finally, he said that all these methods might fail to establish a diagnosis, and admission to a special institution for prolonged observation be necessary. Even then, the lecturer concluded, some patients might pass to their grave undiagnosed.

Correspondence

THE CAPITATION FEE

SIR,—The press has some good tidings for us—a balanced Budget and an era of happy prosperity! Coincident with this is speculation as to the possibility of the economy cuts being restored. In connexion with this, it was conceded by the Minister of Health that we should have a prior claim for consideration when these "cuts" came up for revision. Further, the Insurance Acts Committee, when the capitation fee was reduced, reserved the right to reopen the discussion *at any time*. It is to be hoped that the I.A.C. is already prepared to carry this reservation into effect at an early date. —I am, etc.,

Bolton, March 7th. W. R. HILL.

ANAESTHETIC FEES UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT

SIR,—From Dr. Harry Roberts's letter in the *Supplement* of March 5th one would assume that the operating surgeon was in the habit of pocketing these fees, instead of handing them to the anaesthetist. This is the course I adopt, and so save my self-respect. The views of the London Panel Committee, apparently, are that a man who takes the trouble to assist a colleague, and who also takes the trouble to fit himself to do so, is worth no more to the medical service than the man who shirks both effort and study. The operating surgeon, as such, does not come into the picture. His reward for time spent, ability utilized, to say nothing of the expense of instruments and dressings, is merely the knowledge that, in the best interests of the patient, in the circumstances, he has done his job properly.—I am, etc.,

Highgate, March 5th. H. L. GREGORY.

SIR,—I must again point out that Dr. Roberts in certain respects misunderstands the effect of abolishing the payment of anaesthetic fees. He stated that it was *greatly* to the advantage of the majority of London panel doctors that the few who performed surgical operations under a general anaesthetic should receive no additional payment for so doing. Actually, the benefit to the non-operating practitioner could not amount to more than 2s. 6d. per annum, the money saved in anaesthetic payments being distributed among approximately 2,000 panel practitioners in London. (The total sum paid in anaesthetic fees by the London Panel Committee for 1931 amounted to £250.) One would hardly regard this as constituting an amount which justified Dr. Roberts in his statement. He is apparently unaware that in many parts of the country no payment is made for an anaesthetic, at the present time, by Panel Committees. In these areas the practitioners arrange among themselves the administration of anaesthetics when they are required, and as the arrangement is a reciprocal one, no fees change hands. There are numerous conscientious panel practitioners in London who adopt a similar arrangement for exchange of service, although they are entitled to claim in the London area for such service.

I again emphasize that the panel patient will not suffer in any way as a result of abolishing anaesthetic fees provided that practitioners have a proper conception of the terms of service. I dealt in my last letter with the question of referring to hospital panel patients requiring a general anaesthetic. It is a question affecting the panel practitioner exclusively, and I maintain that, by abolishing the anaesthetic fee, practitioners will arrange gratuitous reciprocal service in the matter of the provision of general anaesthetics, and this will lead to more co-operation generally.—I am, etc.,

London, S.E., March 7th. ELLIS STUNGO.

ANOTHER DOCTOR'S DILEMMA

SIR,—If my "dilemma" is no dilemma, Dr. Stokes's answer is just as little an answer. I should like to point out that my interest is mainly academic, and my "professional sense" is, I believe, quite adequate to bear any "onus" of this kind which may at any time be laid upon it. The fact remains that I did not write about "shadowy penalties," but instanced two cases of practitioners, who may or may not have something to learn about "professional sense" from Dr. Stokes, who were severely dealt with each for taking a different way out of the "dilemma" in question.

Dr. Stokes would be more helpful if he would kindly state how one may best "put the patient first" if, for example, the said patient is believed to be in the quiescent stage of gangrene of the appendix and refuses to go to hospital, his kindly and helpful relatives aiding and abetting that refusal. I still maintain that one is, in such cases, between the upper and the nether millstones, and refuse to admit that in acknowledging the fact one is exhibiting a "pathological form of 'safety first.'"—I am, etc.,

Dulwich Village, March 4th. DONALD M. O'CONNOR.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

The following books were received by the Library of the British Medical Association during February, 1932:

Abrahams, A.: Diseases and Disorders of the Digestive Organs. 1932.
Allers, R.: Psychology of Character. 1931.
Björksten, E.: Principles of Gymnastics for Women and Girls. 1932.
Bogert, J. L.: Nutrition and Physical Fitness. 1931.
Bourne, A. W.: Synopsis of Midwifery and Gynaecology. Fifth edition. 1932.
Brown, L., and Heise, F. H.: Lungs and the Early Stages of Tuberculosis. 1931.
Browning, E.: The Vitamins. 1931.
Cantarow, A.: Calcium Metabolism and Calcium Therapy. 1931.
Carter, H. R.: Yellow Fever, An Epidemiological Historical Study. 1931.
Clement, G.: Thou Shalt Not Kill. 1930.
Cohn, A. E.: Medicine, Science and Art. 1931.
Cotte, G.: Troubles Fonctionelles de l'Appareil Génital de la Femme. Second edition. 1931.
D'Aveline, G.: Mémoires d'un Délégué Sanitaire. 1931.
Dobson, M.: Dynamic Retinoscopy. 1931.
Durand, G., and Binet, M. E.: La Typhlo-Cholécystite. 1931.
Erskine, A. W.: Practical X-Ray Treatment. 1931.
Fagge, C. H.: Acute Abdomen. 1932.
Forbes, J. G.: Diphtheria. 1932.
Galli, G.: Le Neurosi del Cuore e dei Vasi Sanguigni e Loro Cura. 1930.
Gardiner, F.: Handbook of Skin Diseases. Third edition. 1931.
Ham, B. B.: Handbook of Sanitary Law. Eleventh edition. 1931.
Health Protection for the Pre-school Child. 1931.
Henderson, D. K., and Gillespie, R. D.: Text-Book of Psychiatry. Third edition. 1932.
Hertzler, A. E.: Surgical Pathology of the Genito-Urinary Organs. 1931.
Hill, L.: Philosophy of a Biologist. 1930.
Hollingworth, H. L.: Abnormal Psychology. 1931.
Joll, C. A.: Diseases of the Thyroid Gland. 1932.
Knox, R., and Levitt, W. M.: Text-Book of X-Ray Therapeutics. 1932.
Lamond, J.: Arthur Conan Doyle. 1931.
Léon and Meunier: Traitement Médical des Affections Stomacales. 1930.
Luckiesh, M., and Moss, F. K.: Seeing. 1931.
McDowall, R. J. S.: Science of Signs and Symptoms. 1931.
McKerrow, J. C.: Novius Organum. 1931.
Maingot, R. H.: Management of Abdominal Operations. 1931.
Mallet, R.: Les Délirants. 1930.
Megroz, R. L.: Ronald Ross, Discoverer and Creator. 1931.
Merrill, H. G., and Oaks, W.: Your Vision and How to Keep It. Second edition. 1930.
Miner, E. A.: Living the Liver Diet. 1931.
Mollison, W. M.: Acute Otitis Media. 1932.
Muir, R., and Ritchie, J.: Manual of Bacteriology. Ninth edition. 1932.
Parkes, O., and Perkins, E.: Detection of Disease. 1930.
Pink, C. V.: Ideal Management of Pregnancy. 1930.
Raven, A.: Principles of Mental Health and Disease. 1931.
Reed, C. B.: Operative Obstetrics on the Mannikin. 1931.
Reel, P. J.: Gynecology for Nurses. 1932.
Robey, W. H.: Headache. 1931.
Roddis, L. H.: Edward Jenner and the Discovery of Smallpox Vaccination. 1930.
Runge, H.: Blutung und Fluor. 1930.
Russell, G. O.: Speech and Voice. 1931.
Schalek, A.: Fundamentals of Dermatology. Second edition. 1931.
Schneider, G. H.: Grundriss der Röntgensterilisierung. 1931.
Shaw, J. C. M.: Teeth, the Bony Palate and the Mandible in Bantu Races in South Africa. 1931.
Sinclair, M.: Fractures. 1931.
Souttar, H. S.: Radium and Cancer. 1932.
Stewart, A. W.: Recent Advances in Organic Chemistry. Two volumes, sixth edition. 1931.
Stiles, P. G.: Nutritional Physiology. Seventh edition. 1931.
Tottenham, R. E.: Handbook of Midwifery. 1931.
Turner, A. L., and Reynolds, F. E.: Intracranial Pyogenic Diseases. 1931.
Vernon, M. D.: Experimental Study of Reading. 1931.
de Villamil, R.: Newton: The Man. 1931.
Wheeler and Jack's Handbook of Medicine. Ninth edition, by J. Henderson. 1932.
Williams, J. F., and Morrison, W. R.: Text-Book of Physical Education. 1931.
Worms, R.: Les Accidents Nerveux Consécutifs aux Pertes de Sang. 1931.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Captain G. F. Syms to the *President* for course.

Surgeon Commanders H. L. P. Peregrine to the *Excellent*; W. J. M. Sadler to the *Challenger*; J. D. Bangay, O.B.E., to the *Victory* for R.N. Barracks; H. R. B. Hull to the *Dragon* as Fleet Medical Officer.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders W. C. G. Fitzpatrick to the *President* for course; R. G. Anthony to the *Carlisle*; E. T. S. Rudd to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Barracks, Chatham.

Surgeon Lieutenants W. D. M. Sim to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Barracks; W. V. Beach to the *Delhi*, May 5th, and to the *Dragon*, June 8th.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant W. H. Foy to the *Norfolk*.

Surgeon Sublieutenant A. C. Howard to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenant W. Lennon to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel G. De la Cour, O.B.E., K.H.S., late R.A.M.C., retires on retired pay.

The following are restored to the establishment: Major G. H. Barry, Captain W. H. Scriven, Lieutenant (on probation) R. C. Langford.

Captain C. Russell, M.C., to be Major.

Lieutenant W. D. Hughes to be Captain.

T. J. Maloney is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant R. E. Gordon resigns his temporary commission.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of February 5th, 1932, regarding the relinquishment of the provisional rank of Captain by Lieutenant (prov. Captain) J. W. Kendall, half-pay list, is cancelled.

The following to be Lieutenants: C. S. Gross, from a temporary commission, July 11th, 1930; D. P. F. Mulvany, from a temporary commission, December 29th, 1930 (substituted for notification in the London Gazette of February 5th, 1932).

M. J. Kohane is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Lieutenant.

R. D. MacRae to be Lieutenant on probation.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Wing Commander W. A. S. Duck, O.B.E., to Headquarters, Iraq Command, Hinaidi, for duty as Deputy Principal Medical Officer, vice Wing Commander P. M. Keane.

Squadron Leaders J. K. R. Landells to R.A.F. Hospital, Aden, for duty as Medical Officer, vice Squadron Leader P. A. Hall; A. F. Rook to Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, for duty as Medical Officer; T. McClurkin to R.A.F. Pathological Laboratory, Halton, for duty as Medical Officer, vice Squadron Leader A. F. Rook.

Flight Lieutenant F. B. C. L. B. Crawford to Central Medical Establishment.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major J. H. Douglass, O.B.E., having attained the age of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

Captain N. H. Smith, from Supplementary Reserve of Officers, to be Captain.

Lieutenant L. P. Clarke, R.A.M.C., T.A., resigns his commission in the Reserve of Officers, and retains the rank of Lieutenant.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel R. E. Bickerton, D.S.O., T.D., K.H.S., Honorary Colonel, 56th (1st London) Division, having attained the age limit, retires and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Colonel Sir William R. Smith, V.D., T.D., vacates the appointment of Honorary Colonel, R.A.M.C. Units, 44th (Home Counties) Division, T.A., on completion of tenure.

Colonel C. P. Oliver, C.B., C.M.G., T.D. (late R.A.M.C., T.A.), to be Honorary Colonel, R.A.M.C. Units, 44th (Home Counties) Division, T.A.

Colonel J. Clay, C.B.E., T.D., vacates the appointment of Honorary Colonel, R.A.M.C. Units, 50th (Northumbrian) Division, T.A., on completion of tenure.

Colonel J. M. Gover, D.S.O., T.D., to be Honorary Colonel, R.A.M.C. Units, 50th (Northumbrian) Division, T.A.

Captain S. Vatcher resigns his commission.

To be Lieutenants: E. G. Gerstenberg (late Officer Cadet, Glasgow University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.); G. H. Thomson.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Colonel G. C. L. Kerans, D.S.O., appointed as Honorary Surgeon to H.E. the Viceroy.

The following Lieutenant-Colonels have retired from the Service: W. C. Gray, M.C., H. S. Matson, T. W. Harley, C.I.E.

Major R. Hay has been posted as Agency Surgeon in Bundelkhand.

VACANCIES

ASCOT: HEATHERWOOD HOSPITAL FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CHILDREN.—Resident Medical Superintendent.

AYLESBURY: ROYAL BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male).

BARNSTAPLE: NORTH DEVON INFIRMARY.—R.M.O.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Two H.S.

BIRMINGHAM MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—H.S.

BATH: ROYAL MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL.—P.

BATH AND WESSEX CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Combe Park.—H.S.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—H.P.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.—Lady Doctors for Mission Hospitals.

BRADFORD: ROYAL EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male).

BRISTOL EYE DISPENSARY.—Hon. Ophthalmic S.

BRISTOL EYE HOSPITAL.—Assistant R.H.S.

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN.—H.S.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S.

CARDIFF CITY COUNCIL.—A.M.O.

COSSHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Kingswood.—H.S.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) R.H.P. (2) R.H.S. Males.

DUBLIN UNION.—Radiologist.

EDINBURGH: ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISORDERS.—A.P. (male).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—S.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—H.S.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—C.S.O. (woman) at O.P. Department.

HARROGATE INFIRMARY.—Senior H.S. (male).

HEREFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.P. (male).

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.3.—(1) Research Worker. (2) Medical Registrar (half-time).

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. Males, unmarried.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P. Males.

JEWISH MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Underwood Street, E.1.—R.M.O.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—J.A.M.O. for the Wrightington Hospital, Parbold (male, unmarried).

LANCASTER: COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—A.M.O. (unmarried).

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART.—H.P.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Gynaecological H.S. (lady).

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—R.A.M.O. at St. Alfege's Hospital.

LOWESTOFT AND NORTH SUFFOLK HOSPITAL.—Two H.S.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior H.S. (2) Second H.S.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (lady) at Central Branch.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD HOSPITAL FOR SKIN DISEASES.—A.M.O.

MARGATE: ROYAL SEA BATHING HOSPITAL.—Assistant Medical Superintendent.

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNTY BOROUGH.—J.R.M.O. (male) at Holgate Municipal Hospital.

MIDDLESBROUGH: NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY.—Second H.S. (male).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL: WEST MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Isleworth.—R.A.M.O. (unmarried).

MONMOUTHSHIRE MENTAL HOSPITAL, Abergavenny.—J.A.M.O. (male, unmarried).

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN DAIRYING.—Director.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—H.P. (male).

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) Three H.S.

NOTTINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE INFIRMARY.—R.H.S. (male).

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Hon. Radiologist.

PRINCESS BEATRICE HOSPITAL, S.W.—(1) P. (2) S. in Charge of Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. (3) H.P. and C.O.

PUTNEY HOSPITAL, S.W.—R.M.O. (male).

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—S. to Ear, Throat, and Nose Department.

RAINHILL: COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—A.M.O.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—(1) Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon. (2) H.S. (male). (3) C.O. (male).

ST. HELENS COUNTY BOROUGH.—Deputy M.O.H. (male).

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA: BUCHANAN HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (female).

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Hon. P.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Two H.S.

SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Clapham Common, S.W.—(1) H.P. (2) Two H.S. Women.

SOUTHEND MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.—J.A.M.O. (male).

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA NEW GENERAL (VOLUNTARY) HOSPITAL.—(1) S. (2) P. (3) Gynaecological and Obstetrical S. (4) *X*-Ray Radiologist. (5) *X*-Ray Therapy Specialist. (6) Anaesthetist. (7) Dermatologist. (8) Pathologist. (9) Radiologist. (10) Pharmacist.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Hon. A.S.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL, Stafford.—H.P.

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House M.O. (2) H.S.

TYNEMOUTH VICTORIA JUBILEE INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.—Dental S.

WAKEFIELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL.—Two J.H.S. (males).

WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.—Junior Assistant in the Medical Unit.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S., (*a*) General and Gynaecological, (*b*) General and Deep *X*-Ray Therapy, (*c*) Throat, Nose, and Ear Department, with some Anaesthetic Duties. (3) Resident Anaesthetist. Males. (4) Hon. Medical Radiologist.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) C.O. (2) H.S. (3) H.P. Unmarried.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Esher (Surrey), Leamington (Warwick). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars are given. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning. Further unclassified vacancies will be found in the advertising pages.

APPOINTMENTS

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—*Consulting Surgeon:* Duncan C. L. Fitzwilliams, M.D., F.R.C.S. *Surgeon with Charge of In-patients:* C. E. Shattock, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. *Honorary Surgeon to Out-patients:* F. W. M. Pratt, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. *Consulting Dental Surgeon:* Bertram Samuel, L.D.S. R.C.S. *Honorary Dental Surgeon:* H. L. Pitt, L.D.S. R.C.S.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Museum Demonstrations: *Mon.*, 5 p.m., Mr. C. E. Shattock: Specimens illustrating Diseases of Joints. *Fri.*, 5 p.m., Sir Arthur Keith: Specimens illustrating Fractures of the Cervical Spine, including those from Cases of Hanging.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—*Tues.* and *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Lumleian Lectures by Dr. C. E. Lakin: The Borderlands of Medicine.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

United Services Section.—Mon., 4.30 p.m. Squadron Leader T. C. St. C. Morton: Aetiology and Treatment of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Pyrexia.

General Meeting of Fellows, Tues., 5.30 p.m. Ballot for Fellowship.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Communications: A. Castellani, An Amoeba Living Parasitic on Cultures of Certain Bacteria and Fungi; H. Burt-White, Dissemination in Irradiated Carcinoma of the Cervix; B. D. Pullinger, Causes of Cell Death in Irradiated Human Tissue; A. Eidenow, Immunization by Injection of Irradiated Antigenic Substances.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., Wed., 5 p.m. Lecture-Demonstration, Professor R. T. Leiper: Helminthic Infections of Medical and Economic Interest. Tea at 4.30 p.m.

Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine.—Wed., 8 p.m. Dr. R. Pierret: Biological Prophylaxis and Treatment in Certain Contagious Diseases.

Section of Dermatology.—Thurs., 5 p.m. Cases at 4 p.m.

Sections of Neurology and Medicine.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m. Special Discussion: The Functions of the Sympathetic Nervous System. Openers, Professor H. H. Woollard, Dr. W. Russell Brain, Professor Samson Wright, Dr. A. F. Hurst, Dr. W. Langdon Brown.

Section of Physical Medicine.—Clinical Meeting at Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., Fri., 5.30 p.m. Mr. P. Jenner Verrall: Relationship of Orthopaedics to Physical Medicine.

Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—Fri., 8.15 p.m. Dr. G. I. Strachan: Adenocarcinoma of the Vagina. Dr. G. D. Madill: Recent Views on the Function of the Ovary, and especially of the Corpus Luteum. Dr. James Young: Toxaemias of Pregnancy.

Section of Radiology.—Fri., 8.30 p.m., Cases. 9 p.m., Dr. J. F. Brailsford: Cholecystography. Followed by discussion, opened by Mr. Stanford Cade and Dr. Cochrane Shanks.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Hotel Rembrandt, Thurloe Place, S.W.—*Tues.*, 8.30 p.m. Professor F. T. G. Hobday: Some Variations and Analogies in Human and Animal Surgery. Preceded by Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY, Paddington Town Hall.—*Thurs.*, 8.30 p.m. Harveian Lecture by Sir Bernard Spilsbury: Pulmonary Embolism.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Tues.*, 8.30 p.m. Dr. L. A. Parry: Abortion—Some Medical, Legal, and Sociological Aspects. Followed by a discussion.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—*Mon.*, 8.30 p.m. Discussion: Non-infective Nephritis. Openers, Dr. Arthur A. Osman and Dr. Owen L. V. S. de Wesselow. *Wed.*, 9 p.m., Third Lettsomian Lecture by Mr. F. Williamson Noble: The Reactions of the Eye to General Disease.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE (in collaboration with the HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM), 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Wed.*, 5.30 p.m. Mr. Gerald Heard: Penal Methods of the Future.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—*Thurs.*, 5.30 p.m., Opening of Manson House, Portland Place, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. 8.15 p.m., Laboratory Meeting at Royal Army Medical College, Grosvenor Road, S.W. Demonstrations by Dr. C. C. Chesterman, Dr. H. M. Findlay, Dr. C. A. Hoare, Colonel C. P. James and Professor Warrington Yorke, Dr. J. Neil Leitch, Dr. Llewellyn Lloyd, Professor J. G. Thomson, and Dr. A. Robertson.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—M.R.C.P. Evening Course: At *London Temperance Hospital*, Hampstead Road, Mon. and Fri., 8 p.m., five demonstrators each evening, Pathological Specimens; at *Medical Society Lecture Room*, Wed., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Donald Hunter, Significance to Clinical Medicine of Calcium Metabolism; open to members only, apply Fellowship of Medicine. *Gordon Hospital*, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.: Post-Graduate Course in Proctology, all day, for one week. *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, 73, Welbeck Street, W.: Lecture-Demonstrations daily at 5 p.m. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology, all day. *Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital*, Great Portland Street, W.: Course in Orthopaedics, all day. *Bethlem Royal Hospital*, Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham: Tues. and Fri., 11 a.m., Lecture-Demonstration in Psychological Medicine. (The above courses are open only to members; apply Fellowship of Medicine.) *City of London Hospital*, Victoria Park, E.: Tues., 3 p.m., Dr. K. Shirley Smith, Demonstration of Chest Cases. *Western Ophthalmic Hospital*, Marylebone Road, N.W.: Fri., 5 p.m., Mr. J. Cole Marshall, Demonstration of Cases of Detachment of the Retina.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—*Fri.*, 4 p.m., Mr. J. D. McLaggan, Giddiness.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.C.—*Sun.*, 10.45 a.m., Dr. C. K. J. Hamilton, The Premature Infant; 11.45 a.m., Mr. A. Cameron MacLeod, Radium Therapy from the Clinical Aspect.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. H. C. Semon, Diseases of the Buccal Mucosa.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY, Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.—*Wed.*, 3 p.m., Dr. E. Graham Howe, Wish-fulfilment—Resistance and the Unconscious Motive. 4.30 p.m., Dr. H. Crichton-Miller, Hysteria and the Ovarian Type.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.—*Thurs.*, 9 p.m., Mr. W. I. Daggett, The Ear, Nose, and Throat Operations of General Practice.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m., Dr. H. MacCormac, Malignant Growths of the Skin. *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Dr. I. Muende, Pathology Demonstration.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.—*Mon.* to *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. *Mon.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Hinds Howell, Trauma in Relation to Nervous Disorders. *Tues.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Adie, Neurosyphilis. *Thurs.*, 3.30 p.m., Mr. Just, Intracranial Complications of Otitis Media. *Fri.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. James Collier, Remarks on Polyneuritis.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—*Mon.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics, Operations. *Tues.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. *Wed.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics, Operations. *Thurs.*, 11.30 a.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, and Children's Clinics, Operations. *Fri.*, 10.30 a.m., Throat Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics, Operations.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—*Wed.*, 3.15 p.m., Dr. P. Kerley, Radiological Examination of Cardiac Cases.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—*Thurs.*, 4.30 p.m., Mr. W. B. Gabriel, The Elucidation of Rectal Symptoms.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—*Thurs.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. G. Jefferson, Surgical Cases.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, S.W.—*Thurs.*, 4 p.m., Dr. Hector C. Cameron, Demonstration of Children's Ailments.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, University Street, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5.15 p.m., Professor C. C. Okell, Anaphylaxis.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith.—*Mon.*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gynaecological Ward Visit, Genito-Urinary Operations, Skin Department, Surgical Ward Visit; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Operations, Surgical Ward Visit, Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Gynaecological Out-patients. *Tues.*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Demonstration, Dental Department, Throat Operations, Surgical Demonstration; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients. *Wed.*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Visit, Children's Medical Out-patients; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases Demonstration. *Thurs.*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Out-patients, Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Operations, Genito-Urinary, Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients. *Fri.*, 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Skin Department, Dental Department; 12 noon, Medical Lecture; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients. *Sat.*, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Throat Operations, Medical Ward Visit, Children's Medical Out-patients, Surgical Out-patients.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Ophthalmic Institution: *Wed.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. Alex. Garrow, Eye Cases.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: *Mon.* and *Thurs.*, 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: *Mon.*, *Tues.*, *Wed.*, *Thurs.*, and *Fri.*, 11.30 a.m..

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—*Thurs.*, 4.15 p.m., Miss M. Hilton Royle, The Influence of Body Mechanics on Health (with Demonstration of Exercises).

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—*Tues.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. C. H. Melland, Some Cases of Cardiac Irregularity. *Fri.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. A. H. Holmes, Demonstration of Medical Cases.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—At Whitworth Street West Hospital: *Fri.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. Arnold Jones, Allergic Affections of the Nose and Throat.

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MARCH

11 Fri. London: Science Committee, 2.30 p.m.
City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., 4.15 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
Rotherham Division: Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. Supper. Address by the Chairman.

12 Sat. Harrogate Division: Royal Bath Hospital, 4 p.m. Tea. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. W. Langdon Brown.

15 Tues. London: Central Ethical Committee, 2.15 p.m.
Barnet Division: 53, Wood Street, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. Donald Paterson.
Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. Porter Phillips.
Finchley Division: Finchley Memorial Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Address by Dr. F. E. Saxby Willis.
Lewisham Division: Towa Hall, Catford, S.E., 8.45 p.m. Paper by Mr. Arthur Gray.
Stratford Division: Educational Offices, Stratford, 9.15 p.m. Paper by Dr. John Parkinson.
Tower Hamlets Division: St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Road, Bow, 3.45 p.m. Tea. Clinical Meeting.
West Dorset Division: County Hospital, Dorchester, 3.15 p.m. B.M.A. Lecture by Sir Francis Shipway.
West Suffolk Division: West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, 3 p.m. Annual Meeting. Paper by Dr. J. F. Davidson.

16 Wed. London: Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Hyde Division: Dukinfield Town Hall, 8.30 p.m. Presidential Address by Dr. C. N. Gordon.
Rochdale Division: Birch Hall Hospital. Address by Professor D. Dougal.
South-Eastern Counties Division: Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells, 3 p.m. Address by Dr. W. T. Benson.
Swindon Division: Victoria Hospital, Swindon, 9 p.m. Address by Professor E. Hey Groves.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, 9 p.m. Paper by Mr. Frank Law.

17 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 11.30 a.m.
Brighton Division: Children's Hospital, Dyke Road, Brighton, 3.45 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
Fife Branch: Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy. Address by Dr. G. Pratt Yule.
Jersey Division: Committee Room, General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Demonstration by Dr. J. Y. Wood.
North of England Branch: West Hartlepool. Papers by Dr. F. J. Nattrass and Mr. Norman Hodgson.
Southport Division: Southport. B.M.A. Lecture by Professor John Fraser.

18 Fri. London: Public Health Committee, 2.15 p.m.
Bath, Bristol, and Somerset Branch: Berkeley Café, Clifton, 8.15 p.m. Address by Mr. F. P. de Caux.
Gateshead Division: Liberal Club, High West Street, Gateshead, 8.15 p.m. Lecture by Dr. W. E. Hume.

22 Tues. London: Organization Committee, 2.30 p.m.

23 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.15 p.m.

24 Thurs. London: Special Pathological Committee, 2.30 p.m.

30 Wed. London: Committee on Arthritis and Allied Conditions, 2.15 p.m.
London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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DEATHS

CAMPBELL.—On March 1st, 1932, at Brompton Hospital, London, Roy Ferguson Campbell, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., D.T.M. and H., D.P.H.Camb., late of West African Medical Service, aged 35 years.

GRAVES.—On March 5th, at home, Evelyn Dorothy (Sister Lang), wife of Dr. T. C. Graves, Rubery Hill, Birmingham, in her 48th year.

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